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In re Application of:

H. Michael WENZ

Application No.: 09/724,755

Filed: November 28, 2000

For: METHODS FOR DETECTING  
TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS USING  
COUPLED LIGATION AND  
AMPLIFICATION

Group Art Unit: 1637

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**AMENDMENT**

Applicant now responds to the Office Action mailed January 31, 2005 ("the Action"). The period to respond has been extended three months by the Petition for Three Month Extension of Time filed herewith. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections.

Amendments to the claims appear at pages 2 to 5.

Remarks appear at pages 6 to 15.

